

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       The present invention is directed to a DNA  
construct formed from a fusion gene which includes a  
trait DNA molecule and a silencer DNA molecule. The  
trait DNA molecule has a length that is insufficient to  
impart a desired trait to plants transformed with the  
trait DNA molecule. The silencer DNA molecule is  
10       operatively coupled to the trait DNA molecule with the  
trait and silencer DNA molecules collectively having  
sufficient length to impart the trait to plants  
transformed with the DNA construct. Expression systems,  
host cells, plants, and plant seeds containing the DNA  
15       construct are disclosed. The present invention is also  
directed to imparting multiple traits to a plant.

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